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SUBJECT: TREASURY TO WAIVE CVD ON GROUNDFISH

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1. DURING THE WEEKEND AMBASSADOR TOWE CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT THE GOC'S INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE GTAP FOR "ONSHORE" FISH ON OCTOBER ONE RATHER THAN REDUCING IT BY ONE CENT ON OCTOBER ONE AND TERMINATING IT ENTIRELY ON DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST. TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT, ALONG WITH THE RETROACTIVE TERMINATION OF THE GTAP FOR "OFFSHORE" FISH AND GTAP PAYMENTS TO FISH PROCESSORS, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETERMINED TO WAIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON CANADIAN GROUNDFISH COVERED BY THE PETITION.

2. TREASURY PRESS RELEASE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED TOMORROW, WILL BE CABLED TO EMBASSY OTTAWA. FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. AS IS THE USUAL CASE, TREASURY WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY ANNOUNCE THE FINDING OF BOUNTIES OR GRANTS, AND A WAIVER OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON DUTIABLE FISH COVERED BY THE PETITION. TREASURY WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTIONS TO WAIVE THE DUTY ON NON-DUTIABLE FISH IF THE ITC FINDS INJURY.

THERE WILL BE AN ITC INVESTIGATION OF INJURY ON THE NON-DUTIABLE FISH WHICH CAN TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS. DURING THAT TIME THE LIQUIDATION OF DUTIES ON NON-DUTIABLE FISH WILL BE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

- 4. FOR RIVERS -- THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED.
- 5. NOW THAT TREASURY IS DETERMINED TO WAIVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOC ANNOUNCE ITS PLAN TO REVISE ITS GTAP PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY.
- 6. EMBASSY SHOULD KNOW THAT DREE GRANTS WERE FOUND TO BE BOUNTIES. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WAS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ON THIS ISSUE. CHRISTOPHER

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